

53. (new) The method of Claim 9, wherein the spacer group is alkyl, Z is hydrogen and W is no substituent.

54. (new) The method of Claim 9, wherein Y is hydrogen, V is hydroxyl, Z is hydrogen and the spacer group is C₁- C₂₀.

C⁴ 55. (new) The method of claim 9, wherein Z is hydrogen.

56. (new) The method of claim 9, wherein the spacer group is alkyl (straight chain or branched, C₁ - C₂₀).

57. (new) The method of claim 9, wherein W is no substituent.

REMARKS

After entry of the amendment, claims 9, 11-18, and 47-57 remain pending.

Invention

Applicants provided the fundamental discovery that the biochemical action of fumonisins is that they affect the biosynthetic pathway of sphingolipids. Until the time of the invention, the mechanism of action of fumonisins was unknown in the art.